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NEWS NOTES

Winter term began January 2, 1951. Final enrollment figures for the term probably will exceed that of any previous winter term. — The N.C.C. Chorus, under the direction of Maud Woodyard, will provide the special musical features for the meeting of the Oregon Council of Churches that will convene in Eugene, First Christian Church, on February 8. — The series of meetings planned for Oregon with Mark Rutherford as leader has been postponed—probably will have such meetings next September—hope so because we love Mark.

New courses at N.C.C. during the Winter term include an adventure in a course "The Pastor's Wife" with Mrs. Wm. Siefke as instructor. James H. Cornett, Associate Pastor of First in Eugene is teaching a course in Audio-Visual Aids for churches. Jim is doing such a fine job in his use of such aids that the course is certain to be outstanding — Prof. Wm. Richardson is giving a course entitled "Restoration Classics" and begins a study of Vol. I of the "Millennial Harbinger" with advanced students. The class meets Tuesdays at 7 P. M. during the winter term.

During the Christmas season Prof. Maud Woodyard took a trip to California; Dean Wm. Siefke went fishing; Prof. Ward A. Rice and family visited in Walla Walla, Milton, etc.; Business Manager Paul Rickard paid relatives in Portland a visit; Assistant Registrar Doris Bokovoy visited home in Ft. Benton, Montana; Prof. Nell Dickson and Librarian Hazel Oliver made journeys into California; Prof. Wm. Richardson 'enjoyed' a tonsilectomy; Prof. George Shoemaker demonstrated his ability to handle a hammer in installing acoustical tile in a couple of classrooms; Instructor Frances Hyland staged an outdoor pageant which won community-wide acclaim in Eugene; Drama Instructor Jane Jette made a quick trip to Missoula, Montana and home; Office Manager Hazel Ward was home at Falls City for Christmas; other Faculty and Staff members kept the Christmas lights burning at N.C.C.

PRACTICUM

Jessie B. Carlson (Mrs. J. Eric Carlson) who holds the degrees B.A. and Mus. B. from old E. B. U., and who is now Assistant Editor of Children's Publications for the Christian Board, will direct another of our "Religious Education Practicum" sessions at N.C.C. The dates are February 26—March 9,

1951. Sessions will meet at First Christian in Eugene in order to secure adequate facilities.

Other leaders in the Practicum will include Mrs. Wm. Siefke and Mrs. Oakley Rhay. Designed primarily for N.C.C. students regularly enrolled and for the wives of students, the course is open to others who may be interested.

Readers of the "World Call" noted in the November issue of that publication the excellent pictures of the Practicum held last year together with the fine article by Betty Hahn ('50) who is now serving with the Central Christian Church of Portland.

The Practicum helps students really learn to teach through practical experience. Children are brought to the classes and actual instruction is given. All who have shared in previous sessions count the Practicum as of highest value.

BUILDING

The new Dormitory for Women continues to grow very much according to schedule. By the end of 1950 the walls and roof of the Kitchen area were completed and most of the electrical, plumbing and heating lines installed there. First floor walls for the dining room area were finished, a part of the floor laid, innumerable service lines installed, trusses for the second floor above the Dining Hall area were installed and walls for the interior details of other areas were going up. Mr. Allen, inspector for Glenn Stanton, Architect, has repeatedly complimented Clyde C. Blakley on the fine construction which he is supervising. We are a bit proud of the fact that such a large proportion of the work is being completed by our students, Mr. Blakley, who is in charge, being one of the students.

We have no reason to think that the building will be hindered by any of the material shortages which are now arising, but who can predict the future accurately?

News Reports

Readers like to read news from the churches in the Oregon Christian. Reporting cards were mailed to each church with the request that news be sent in each month following the third Sunday. If the pastor is too busy to do the reporting, select someone from the congregation to do it.

Turner Reservations

Those who would like to make advance reservations for rooms on the Turner Grounds for state convention may do so now. All reservations must be paid in full by June 1, 1951 or they will be given to others who may be desiring space. If you pay and are unable to attend and we rent the room to someone else we will refund your money. It is not fair to us, or to others to hold a space for you until convention and then find you have not paid. Room rent is one of the avenues of receiving support for the expense of the convention and grounds.

Turner Host Church

The North Willamette District Ninety and Nine Men met at the Turner Church on December 18 for their district rally. They enjoyed a real Christmas turkey feed served by the Turner ladies. During the business meeting, greetings from the state officers were given by Martin Farlee, Willamette Area vice-president. Orville Mick, minister of the Albany Church, was guest speaker. Next rally for the district is to be held at Silverton on February 26. —E.P.D.

Women's Executives Meet

The Executive committee of the Women's state board met with the members of the convention board, the state Christian Education committee and other state committees in a planning conference at Harmony Lodge, Nelscott, January 9-11. Important matters relative to the future work of the Christian churches, were discussed and plans made. Present were Mrs. C. C. Smith, state president; Mrs. Rosalie Piper, vice-president; Mrs. Kenneth Johnson, recorder; Mrs. C. L. Mossberger, treasurer; and Mrs. Edna L. Burke, executive secretary. Following the meeting at Nelscott, the Women's Board met on the evening of January the 11th and all day the 12th, at the YWCA in Portland to consider the plans discussed at Nelscott; the new CWF state constitution to be presented at the Turner convention; Turner convention and spring district convention programs. Members of the board brought brief reports of the progress of Christian Women's Fellowship in the state for the first half of this missionary year.

Mrs. Ralph Mort, state president of the Oregon Council of Church Women, was a guest on Thursday night, January 11 at which time she brought a report of the recent meeting in Cleveland, Ohio. During the Cleveland meeting, eight great National organizations were joined to form one organization to be known as the National Council of Churches of Christ in America. In the future, the women's work will be a department in the National Council but their work will be just as important as in the past if not more so, because of the tie-up with other national organizations. —E.L.B.

Impressions from Cleveland

It was a real experience to be in attendance at the Constituting Convention of the National Council of Churches of Christ. I was impressed with the thought and planning the constituting agencies made in preparation for the meeting. As you may know, nine years were spent in working out plans for the merger of these agencies. I was impressed with the deep spiritual tone of the many worship services and messages brought by some of the outstanding ministers and laymen in our country. There was the deep sense of the urgency of the hour and the need for the church to gird to meet both her responsibility and opportunity.

Being the type of convention it was,

Youth Meets

The State Youth Committee has set up plans for three area meets in the state. They will provide an opportunity for youth from our summer conferences to get together for fellowship. It will also provide an opportunity for other youth from our churches who were not in conference to get acquainted outside of their own local church. There will be a missionary emphasis with plans and materials, a missionary speaker and films. There will also be Bible study and inspirational messages. These meets will be held at Springfield Feb. 2 and 3, Roseburg Feb. 16 and 17, and at Pendleton March 2 and 3. Plan to attend the one nearest to you.

Heralds of Christ

Good attendance marked the evangelistic meeting which the Meserves held with the Wallowa Christian Church in November and December. Too late for the copy deadline on last issue of the paper, the report for the meeting listed 4 responses by primary obedience and 3 by transfer of membership. The church showed its appreciation in a fine way by entirely underwriting the salary of the team for a month in its love offering. O. W. Jones, minister, wrote a special word of thanks for the work accomplished. —E.P.D.

Recruits Hope To Sail

The unsettled conditions and dangers that have driven missionaries, temporarily, from their chosen fields of service around the borders of Tibet, have not quenched the purpose of young people to serve Christ in these fields. The October TIBETAN MISSIONARY, carries a thrilling account of the more than four-month-long trek of the Edgar Nicholsons from Paan (Batang) to India. But the same paper tells of the preparations of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Fairbrother and little Marilois and Jewel Aline, and of their desire to "sail to India soon to join Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Nichols." Incidentally, Mrs. Fairbrother was born on the Tibetan border, spending 12 years among the Tibetans. She is the daughter of the former missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Norton H. Bare. —J.F.C.

It was necessary to have many business sessions, but I was impressed with the fine spirit manifested in all sessions. The spirit of unity and accord was manifested throughout the meeting. Devotion to the Bible and Christ as Lord was the central focus at all times. I was impressed with the statement time and again to remember this to be a council of churches and not a super church. They were setting themselves to the task of finding more and better ways for the many churches to work together and make a greater impact on the life of our country. Understand this is not Christian unity, but Christian cooperation. It is hoped that through cooperation the church may yet find her unity in Christ. —C.H.A.



The Crusade Week of Compassion —A GREAT TIME —On \$750,000

The 1951 Week of Compassion is to be observed February 18 to 25. The plan grants one-third of the offerings up to \$250,000 for Military and Veterans' Services, and relief and rehabilitation in Europe and Asia. The other causes in the Crusade receive the remainder of offerings.

The churches will receive credit on their Crusade goals for all Week of Compassion offerings.

A large number of Protestant groups are cooperating in a United Christian Service Appeal. This emphasis will be made during February and March. Each communion is selecting definite dates in this period for receiving offerings.

There will be an effective presentation over the radio, television and in daily papers and magazines. Last year the Week of Compassion was strengthened by participation in "One Great Hour of Sharing." It is believed that cooperation this year with other Protestant groups will bring even better results. There is power in a united voice in Christian service.

The theme is "Time for Sharing." It has already been stated that one-third of the offering will go for Military and Veterans' Services, and relief and rehabilitation in Europe and Asia until the total for these causes reaches \$250,000. The following causes will share in this portion of the offerings.

- Military and Veterans' Services
- Pensions for Chaplains
- Displaced Persons, Church World Service
- Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees
World Council of Churches, Geneva
- Evangelism and Youth Work, World Council of
Churches, Geneva
- Asia, Foreign Missions Conference
- Orphaned Missions, International Missionary Council
- Theological Scholarships
- World Student Christian Federation
- American Bible Society

The other two-thirds will go to the other projects in A Crusade for a Christian World.

It has been announced that an all-out effort to finish the Crusade financial goal culminate with a climatic effort during the Week of Compassion, 1951. Such a climax calls for vigorous activity among the churches long before the Week of



(United Nations Photo)

Week of Compassion funds will continue the work of finding homes for displaced persons.



Crusade funds must provide more adequate equipment for our mission hospitals in India.



(Valley Photo Service, Fowler, Col.)

Crusade funds will enlarge our services to Disciple young people.



Kenneth
State Crusade

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State Secretary - Director's Diary

Since last report which closed a few days early I attended the State Youth Planning Commission and then left on a trip East. Attending the Constituting Convention of the National Council of Churches of Christ in Cleveland, Ohio. From there I attended the National Association of State Secretaries annual meeting in St. Louis, Mo., and also the meeting of the Home and State Missions Planning Council. After returning home I attended the annual retreat of Executive Secretaries sponsored by the Oregon Council of Churches, the Portland area Missionary Federation. I visited the Union Avenue Christian Church in St. Louis and called at Corbett; also visited Portland First, Kern Park, Mallory Avenue and St. Johns. Attended the State Education Committee meeting in Salem and the State Youth Committee meeting in Corvallis. Ten days were spent in the office with seven office conferences. I traveled 5,736 miles during the month. There were 252 pieces of material mailed through the office. —C.H.A.

Nationals From India Available

Hope and Ezekiel Albert, products of our missionary work in India are completing their post-graduate work at Phillips University and plan to make a speaking tour of the Northwest this spring. Churches interested in using them can contact the state office. Churches should plan to give them an offering. Ezekiel was ordained to the Christian ministry by the Central Christian Church of Enid at the International Convention in Oklahoma City.

New Year

I will not walk with chilling fear
This year, though bombs may fall;
I know that Heaven is near
Enough to hear earth's call.

I'll walk this year in the warmth of
faith
And steadily believe
Since Christ is Lord of life and death
Man's soul shall always live.

So I shall go with a quiet heart
Throughout the coming year;
I shall walk the Light
of a shining faith,
And not in the dark with fear.

—The World Call

Word From Shoemakers

Gertrude Shoemaker and her mother write from Belgium that they are having many varied and interesting experiences. A letter written from Bruxelles in October has this to say: "There is an interdenominational Faith Mission or church here in the city which was founded by a Mr. Norton after the First World War, when he saw how the people were soul-hungry for the real Gospel. Their work has grown until they have eight Americans working and teaching, besides several Dutch and Swiss preachers; they have 57 preaching points in Belgium and an Institute for training their workers. They are beginning now to have camps for young people and all-day meetings for women in different sections." Gertrude and her mother were privileged to attend one of the women's meetings which turned out to be a testimonial meeting. The women were very enthusiastic. Several of the women told how they came to be converted from Roman Catholicism. Of the 100 members of that church, not one had a Protestant background. Several testified of their great appreciation for the Message. Many had serious difficulties at first because of opposition from other members of their families. Some of them had been instrumental in leading their husbands to become Protestants. Gertrude is enjoying her school work; the weather is lovely. In the stores they were already displaying St. Nicholas which is celebrated there on December 6, for the children. That leaves Christmas as a real religious holiday. Gertrude asked for the prayers for the workers out in Belgian Congo. Some have had to return home because of illness. That makes the burdens of those who stay, just that much heavier. Gertrude's address is 5, Rue du Cadran, St. Josse, Bruxelles, Belgium. —E.L.B.

Same Name — New Address

P. O. Box 231, Coburg, Oregon will be the official address of Ed Dewees, state Ninety and Nine field representative and boys' work director, by the time this item has been published. Lest we be accused of "itching feet", readers are reminded that Portland has been our home base since arriving in Oregon 20 years ago. Some three years were spent in the fellowship of the Sellwood Christian Church and 17 years with the brethren at St. Johns. The latter has assured themselves of warm toast (at least) when visiting in Coburg by the presentation of a fine pop-up toaster at a farewell reception on December 17. —E.P.D.

Giving to State Missions

DECEMBER 1 - 31, 1950

Astoria.....	\$ 25.00
Bend.....	55.00
Corvallis.....	40.00
Dallas.....	25.00
Dayton.....	50.00
Hood River.....	25.00
Junction City.....	50.00
La Grande.....	100.00
Milton.....	13.51
North Bend.....	80.00
Portland, Kern Park.....	14.59
Portland, South East.....	5.00
The Dalles.....	10.25
Tillamook.....	20.85

Total, December 31, \$514.20

Growing Churches

One thing many of our people need to learn, is that it takes time to grow and develop churches. When a new church is being established people will share in it gladly, but during the three to five years that follow they forget all about it and wonder why State Missions does not establish more churches. The truth of the matter is, State Missions has a conscience and will not leave these baby churches to die in their swaddling clothes. So, we keep on placing missionary money in the church for whatever time it may take to grow a church. Most parents have learned that the down-payment on a new baby was only a small part of the total cost, while the child grew up. Just remember the same is true in establishing churches. Through your continued support of State Missions you are keeping faith with the new "baby" you helped bring into this world. —C.H.A.

Illness In The Railsback Family

Charles Railsback, reporting from Ketchikan and Wacker, Alaska, tells of six baptisms and two added by statement, during this past year. A "taste of polio" and "flu" cut church attendance down during the fall, but it is now getting back to normal.

Mr. Railsback is making such use of the Seabee Plane as weather and funds permit, in carrying the gospel among the islands of the Alaska panhandle. With more adequate funds and better weather, he hopes to have a regular circuit of island villages to which he will fly the Gospel. At the time of writing, he still owed \$200.00 on the purchase price of the plane, plus \$50.00 repair bill incurred while taking it to Alaska.

In addition to the church work done, the Railsbacks are conducting a Children's Home at Wacker. This is being done in rented quarters. However, the Forestry Department has granted a parcel of land for construction of buildings for the home. One big difficulty, here, lies in the restrictions as to the type of buildings permitted: restrictions which cannot be met at present, for lack of funds. This difficulty seems to be about to be overcome, somewhat, by the offer from Mr. Eugene Wacker, of about four acres quite near the present quarters of the home. A 20' by 48' quonset hut has been purchased and dismantled; and it is planned to set this up when the road is completed to the new site.

These permanent quarters are needed. At the time of writing there were already 9 children in the home. Mr. Railsback writes: "These children are from six months to seventeen years of age. This older girl is an unwed expectant mother. There will probably be quite a bit of this type of work in connection with our home."

The Railsbacks have been having their troubles from the health standpoint. He recently fell, cutting his hand, so that a dozen stitches had to be taken. Their daughter, Kay, a Junior in High school, recently was in the hospital with Rheumatic Fever; but was back in school, though still running a little temperature. Mr. Railsback writes concerning Mrs. Railsback: "She has not been well at all. Her diaphragm is ruptured and part of her stomach is up in the chest cavity. It may mean a serious operation." In spite of this condition she has been working in a laundry "to help keep

Living - Link Support

Mrs. and Mr. Barton L. McElroy and their three children, Jean, Betty and Jimmy, announce that they now have their living-link support for work with the Philippine Mission Churches of Christ.

After graduation from Cincinnati Bible Seminary, Mr. McElroy served for three years as a chaplain in the United States Army, and has been ministering to the White Oak Christian Church, in Cincinnati, Ohio, between four and five years. He resigned there, effective, November 1st, to devote his time to preparation for going to the Philippines.

In addition to their living-link support, these new missionaries have their passport and visa. They can sail February 7th, but list the following needs, in order to do so: "Transportation, \$2180.; Equipment (piano, accordians, tape recorder, etc., including shipping) \$1200; Customs fees, residence fees and entry, \$500. Total, \$3880. They write: "We must have this amount before we can sail. Remember, souls are dying and need Christ, now. Will you help us go with His Gospel? Will you or your church invest some of the Lord's money? If you cannot send anything now will you send us a letter assuring us of a definite amount later?"

The McElroys can be addressed at 112 So. Blaine Street, Missouri Valley, Iowa. —J. Fank Cunningham.

NEWS ITEMS

SWEET HOME — Kenneth Knox held a meeting with 23 responses, 12 by baptism and 11 otherwise. The church was greatly strengthened.

ROSEBURG — 10 added during December, 5 by baptism and 5 otherwise.

SUTHERLIN — Ray Aplet led in a two weeks meeting resulting in nine by baptism and five otherwise. 42 signed tithers cards during the meeting.

JUNCTION CITY — As a result of Visitation Evangelism recently there were seven responses. Five by baptism and two otherwise.

WILLAMINA — One by baptism and three otherwise during December.

CENTRAL POINT, reports a much increased Bible School attendance since September. There were 169 present on December 24. 19 have been enrolled in a Leadership Training Class with 15 completing the unit of study. The Training Audio-Visual film strips were used. —L. H. Camp.

OREGON CITY has purchased a new, A Series "50" Wurlitzer Organ. It was dedicated in January. Their Annual was held on January 24. They enjoyed a crowded house for their Watch Night Party. Their building is being taxed and inadequate for their regular services. —H. F. Hutchins.

things going."

Dorcas Bridge, of Lamar, Colorado, arrived in the fall, and is "proving a capable and faithful worker" in both the Children's Home and the church work at Ketchikan.

Speaking of the Children's Home, "The Territory estimates that it costs \$30 each month to feed a child here in Alaska. Would you, or your group be interested in 'adopting' one of these little ones?"

Communications should be sent to Charles R. Railsback, Box 64, Wacker, Alaska. —J.F.C.

Let's Take Inventory

With the advent of the New Year, it is well to take stock of things at hand, and evaluate our resources for the ensuing days ahead. In these crucial days, when war and un-Christian interests threaten our very existence, the church must become that traditionally-long-referred-to "beacon" in a dark and troubled world. But what of our church administration; personnel and program of Christian education? As we stop and seriously take inventory, we are shocked somewhat at the present condition of many of our classrooms for children—most inadequate and non-comparable to the Public School environment. A deplorable number of our Church School teachers, earnestly, but pitifully floundering along, Sunday after Sunday, with no apparent vision of a program of Christian education for the children of the church. And what are we as church leaders doing to help them to get that vision? Are we making possible every opportunity for them to be enrolled in LEADERSHIP TRAINING CLASSES—denominational and interdenominational, locally and state-wide? Do we as members of the local Christian Education Committee recommend to our budget committee that they consider including in their budget plans an item big enough to cover the registration fees and necessary expenses for their church school teachers to attend such classes of religious training. This suggested budget should stretch far enough to gracefully cover their expenses to attend **Lab Schools; Practicums; State Christian Education Workshops; and Observation - Practice Schools**, all of which are set up with this multitude of willing servants in mind, to train them to do a better job in teaching Juniors and Primaries or the Nursery tots in our church schools. Can we do less as a recompense for their untiring efforts, fifty-two Sundays out of the year, year in and year out? I think not! For not only would our church school teachers sense our interest in them as a Christian teacher, but they would rally to the challenge and inspiration gained by working with other Christian co-workers in God's kingdom on earth and feel more keenly their responsibility as a servant of God and His church and His children.

We owe it to them, don't you think?

I have thoroughly approved our ministers being allocated extra funds for attending conventions—city, state and international—and it is only right that they, as leaders of our churches, should be granted these privileges, for their own self improvement and broadening knowledge of the total program of Christ's church the world over.

On the other hand, these teachers who, week after week, interpret God's word to our growing boys and girls need similar, rich opportunities for improvement and needed training in their field of endeavor. Thus I beg of you, as church leaders, ministers and superintendents of your church school to see that this item of teacher-training gets into your local budget, and that you take it upon yourself to encourage them to attend all available opportunities of Christian training.

As we teach boys and girls today—we are teaching and training the Christian leaders of tomorrow's church. The right thought sown in the heart of a child, may change the whole nation—the whole world—. If we have good, well-trained, interesting teachers in our church schools, we will have no

OFFICERS OF HOME AND STATE MISSIONS PLANNING COUNCIL



The vital services of the churches of America in home and state missions was the subject of discussion, December 5-7, as 170 men and women of the Christian Churches met together in St. Louis. These were members of the Home and State Mission Planning Council. They were lay workers and pastors of local churches, area and provincial secretaries, state board members, college and seminary heads, and representatives of national agencies.

MCKENZIE MEN MEET

A rally of the McKenzie District Men was held at the Eugene First Christian Church on December 18. No dinner was planned for the occasion and Victor Hershisser, district president, opened the business meeting. He reported on suggestions made at a meeting of the district executive committee at Coburg on December 11. Tentative dates and places for 1951 district meetings were announced along with plans for increasing interest and support in district and state projects.

State president, E. W. Blehm, brought a word of greeting and outlined plans for the new year and Ed Dewees reported on the work of Dallas and Leeanna Meserve. Frank Betzer, minister of the Coburg Church, was elected to serve as pastor-advisor for the district following the resignation of Willie White, minister of the Fairmount Church in Eugene. Brother White asked to be relieved because of other duties already assumed.

Dr. E. R. Moon, minister of the Springfield Church, presided over the program which opened with a song service led by Elmer Patterson with Mrs. Patterson at the piano. Brother Moon presented a devotional thought on the "Passion of Life", and special music was provided by a ladies' instrumental trio from the Springfield congregation. Ed Eldridge of N. C. C. presented the guest speaker, Tom Yates, director of men's work in Washington, who brought a fine practical message on the opportunities of men in evangelism and service for the Master. —E.P.D.

Myrtle Point

At the Myrtle Point church a novel Christmas play was presented entitled, "The Other Wise Man," directed by Zella Mae Laswell. It was well attended and carried an excellent teaching about sharing.

Some folks are driving 34 miles of crooked road to attend morning church services regularly. Can anyone beat that record?

During December there were 7 added to the church, 4 by baptism.—John Parish, minister.

need to worry about numbers, for quality engenders quantity in any program.

Thus, once again, let us take inventory of our total church program and seriously evaluate things at hand! —Oma Lou Myers.

Parrish Speaks

The Ninety and Nine Men of Central Oregon gathered at Bend on December 12 for their first rally of the new fiscal year. Some 50 men were present for the excellent ham dinner served by the Bend ladies on tables which had been beautifully decorated in keeping with the approaching Christmas season.

Wayne Osborne of Culver led group singing in the sanctuary following the dinner. President Clifford Dobbins opened the business session which featured a statement of purpose by E. W. Blehm, state president, and some challenges for the district presented by Dr. T. M. White, member of the host church and Central Area vice-president.

Vocal solos were sung by Wayne Hamilton of Bend and Earl Thompson of the Powell Butte church. Elery Parrish, pastor-evangelist of the Liberty Church near Salem, brought a great message of spiritual encouragement for troubled days on the theme of faith. Tentative plans were laid for another rally in February. —E.P.D.

China Mission Continues

"School work goes on." So writes Lewis Smythe from Nanking where he and Mrs. Smythe are busy with classes in the University of Nanking and in the regular work of the South Gate Christian church. Three hundred students made application to enter the university but it was necessary to reject 21 of that number because of tuberculosis. The total student body is 846 as compared with 700 last spring.

The enrollment of Ginling College, Christian school for women, also in Nanking is up, —215 this year compared to 169 last spring. There is an increase in the number of students seeking entrance into Christian schools. Mr. and Mrs. Smythe and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCallum are the members of our China Mission in Nanking at the present time. —E.L.B.

An Omission

Through an oversight, the name of Mrs. C. C. Smith, state president of Christian Women's Fellowship, was omitted from the list of names given in the December issue of the Oregon Christian, as one who had a part in making special Women's Day speeches in December. Mrs. Smith was the guest speaker for the morning service at the Hood River church, December 3. —E.L.B.

Corvallis Students

As a crowning climax to a stimulating Fall term, the Christian Student Fellowship at the Corvallis Christian House held its annual Christmas Desert on December 10, 1950. Some 50 students listened to Lawrence Bixler of N. C. C. delivered a challenging address on the topic, "The Future of our Faith". Also on the program was light entertainment by the students, and the singing of Christmas carols. Recognition was given to two graduating seniors, Carl Fishback of Hillsboro and Howard Garratt of Creswell. Responsible for the Dessert were Celia Speece, Klamath Falls, general chairman; Hazel Jones, Hermiston, decorations chairman; Patricia Swango, Coburg, food chairman; and Lee Gerold, Corvallis, Worship chairman. Guests of the students were Mrs. Lawrence Bixler; Rev. and Mrs. Donald Payne, minister of the Corvallis Christian Church; Mr. Claude Bryant, chairman of the Corvallis student commission and Mrs. Bryant; Mr. Gilbert Faxon, teacher of the college church school class, and Mrs. Faxon; and Mrs. Hattie Menzies, retired missionary to India.

Program plans for the winter term have been completed, and are being printed on a card to be circulated to students the first week of the term. On January 5, the students will celebrate the fourth birthday of the House. Dean Clifford Maser of the Business School will speak on January 7, on the topic, "Religion in a Scientific School." On January 14, Dr. Margaret Fincke of the Home Economics department will speak on "Why I Believe in God." January 21, the student body president, Don Hays, and his two vice-presidents will lead a panel discussion on "Does Christianity Help or Hinder my College Life?" A student-lead discussion summarizing the month will be held on January 8, with E. K. Higdon of the U.C.M.S., visiting the group and interviewing students for foreign service. Though enrollment will drop for the winter term, a vigorous program of Christian activity will continue at the Corvallis Christian House.

Cleveland Children's Home

The December issue of the Ladies' Home Journal contains an excellent story concerning the Cleveland Children's Home, one of the benevolent homes maintained and supported by the Christian churches of our Brotherhood. The writer gives full credit to the Disciples or Christian church for the splendid care and training given to the children in the home. Get a copy and read the story. It will make you glad that you have a part in such a fine Christian project. —E.L.B.

Fall Creek

The Fall Creek Church entertained the other churches of that district at a 5th Sunday rally, December 31.

Average attendance in the Bible School recently has been 70. There have been 11 additions to the church, 7 by baptism. —Mrs. Ira Hake, Sup't.

Youth Week

Most of the churches will observe Youth Week, January 28 - February 4. If you are needing some last minute help, contact the state office for we have a small supply of suggestions for the week.

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February 18-25, 1951

FOR SHARING—

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Compassion as well as during the definite period. This is required in an all-out effort. The climatic effort precedes the climax.

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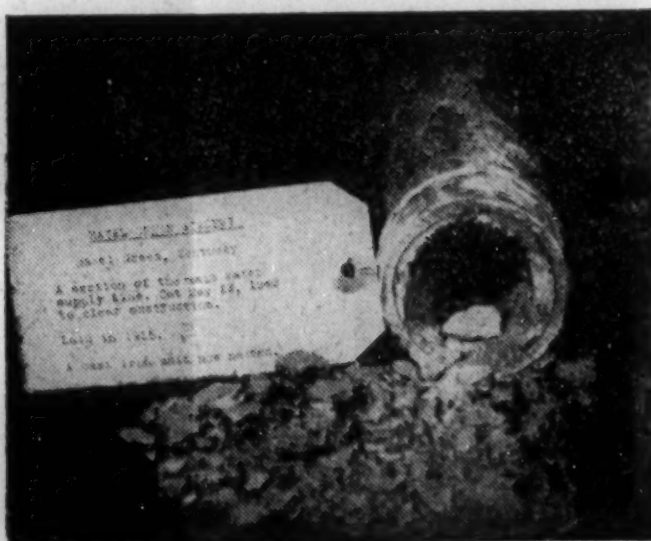


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The churches will receive credit on their Crusade goals for all Week of Compassion offerings.

A large number of Protestant groups are cooperating in a United Christian Service Appeal. This emphasis will be made during February and March. Each communion is selecting definite dates in this period for receiving offerings.

There will be an effective presentation over the radio, television and in daily papers and magazines. Last year the Week of Compassion was strengthened by participation in "One Great Hour of Sharing." It is believed that cooperation this year with other Protestant groups will bring even better results. There is power in a united voice in Christian service.

The theme is "Time for Sharing." It has already been stated that one-third of the offering will go for Military and Veterans' Services, and relief and rehabilitation in Europe and Asia until the total for these causes reaches \$250,000. The following causes will share in this portion of the offerings.

- Military and Veterans' Services
- Pensions for Chaplains
- Displaced Persons, Church World Service
- Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees
- World Council of Churches, Geneva
- Evangelism and Youth Work, World Council of Churches, Geneva
- Asia, Foreign Missions Conference
- Orphaned Missions, International Missionary Council
- Theological Scholarships
- World Student Christian Federation
- American Bible Society

The other two-thirds will go to the other projects in A Crusade for a Christian World.

It has been announced that an all-out effort to finish the Crusade financial goal culminate with a climatic effort during the Week of Compassion, 1951. Such a climax calls for vigorous activity among the churches long before the Week of



(United Nations Photo)

Week of Compassion funds will continue the work of finding homes for displaced persons.



Crusade funds must provide more adequate equipment for our mission hospitals in India.



(Valley Photo Service, Fowler, Col.)

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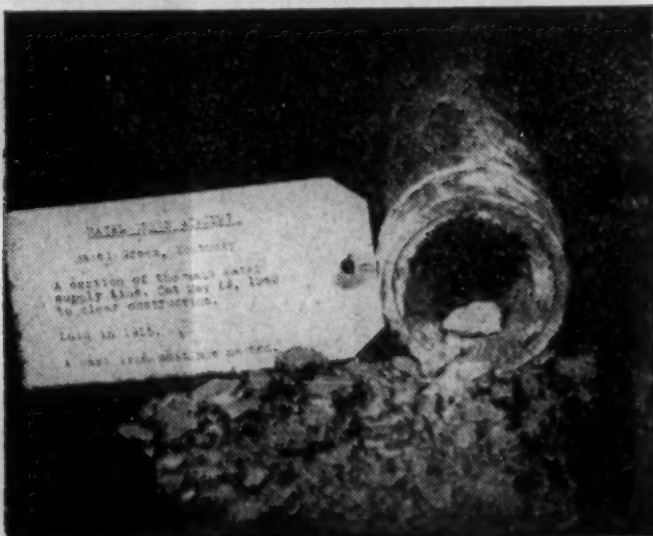
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OREGON CALENDAR

January 28-February 4 — Youth Week
 January 31-February 1 — Oregon Christian Women's Fellowship, Portland Y.W.C.A.
 February 4-9 — Mark Rutherford in Oregon under auspices of N.C.C. for Stewardship and evangelism emphasis:
 Pendleton-Feb. 4; Bend-Feb. 5; Portland, Mallory Ave.-Feb. 6; Dallas-Feb. 7; Eugene First-Feb. 8; Grants Pass-Feb. 9
 February 9 — World Day of Prayer. (Inter-communication-Community Observance)
 February 11 — Race Relations Sunday
 February 18-25 — Week of Compassion — Crusade Climax
 February 25 — Close of A Crusade for a Christian World
 March 4 — Foreign Missions Day
 March 21 — Winter Term Ends at N.C.C.
 March 18-25 — Week of Evangelism and Worship — Easter Season.
 March 25 — Easter
 March 26 — Spring Term begins at N.C.C.
 April 3-5 — Oregon Preachers Parliament, Eugene
 April 8-15 — Lane County and N.C.C. visitation Evangelism
 April 16-May 16 — Oregon District Conventions within this period
 April 29 — Rural Life Sunday
 May 5 — Fellowship Day for Women (Inter-communication)
 May 13 — Pentecost
 June 3 — Children's Day; N.C.C. Baccalaureate
 June 4 — N.C.C. Sacred Music Concert, Eugene
 June 5 — N.C.C. Commencement
 June 17 — Achievement Day — Oregon Christian Missionary Society (Local Church Emphasis)
 June 25-July 1 — Oregon Christian Missionary Convention, Turner
 July 8-14 — State Religious Education Laboratory School, Salem

Burns

The Bible School attendance is running 25% higher than it ever has. A Christmas Cantata was presented in cooperation with the other churches. Bible School program had the largest attendance in the history of the church. The church had two additions during December. —Earl Soward, pastor.

Mill City

Since the arrival of the new minister on November 16, the Bible School attendance has increased every Lord's Day but one. There was an attendance of 105 at the Christmas program presented on December 23. The offering taken for benevolence was nearly \$35. Two boxes of white gifts, Sunday school papers and treats were mailed to the McKinley Indian Mission. The church had 9 additions this month. —Hugh E. Jull, minister.

Vacation Bible School Institutes

It is time to plan your vacation schools. Watch for announcements concerning training institutes in your area. The Oregon Council of Churches will sponsor a few in the state. These will deal with Administration, Crafts, Worship, Stories, Recreation and Co-operative Series Materials. You may get some good ideas to use in your own school. If one is held near you, be sure and attend.

HOOD RIVER FIRST

First month of ministry with Vernon L. Fishback was just completed. Several projects were begun: Elders and Deacons are taking communion to shut-ins; Bible Study and Prayer Meeting; Play night for youth in High school gym, one night each week; literature table prepared. Ernest Samuel was chosen Board Chairman for 1951 and Mrs. Minnie Rudd Bible School Supt. There were seven added to the church, 2 by baptism. —Vernon L. Fishback, minister.

Northwestern Christian Home

MARY E. PHILLIPS, Supt.



The Christmas season has again brought its gifts, programs, and happy times to YOUR OTHER FAMILY at the Home. The storeroom shelves are filling up with canned goods and the family has enjoyed the special gifts of oranges, cakes, apples, potatoes, frozen foods, honey, rabbits, turkeys and other good things. All of our people were well remembered with individual gifts, greeting cards and personal letters. Some who have received the most will be unable to write thank you notes to all who sent them gifts but they are appreciative, nevertheless.

New arrivals since the December report are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seiler of Puyallup, Washington and Mr. and Mrs. Burnis Hoffman from Tillamook. Both couples are happily located and are thrilled with their new home.

Pictures of the Christmas tree, heaped with gifts and of our two new couples were taken Christmas morning by Bob Dorman and Art Douglass of Kern Park. We hope to publish these in the January "Visitor".

Mrs. Phillips reports considerable illness among the family before Christmas, but all were able to be up and to enjoy the season's festivities.

Eugene Christian House

As our students face the new year, their lives are full of problems caused by the complex and baffling world situation. The question uppermost in the minds of most of the fellows is, "Shall I enlist now so that I can choose which branch of the service I wish to enter, or shall I remain in school for the rest of the year and face the draft which will give me no preference?" As world factors become less settled, it is increasingly important that those of us who are concerned have something stable to offer these youth. Our next series of Sunday evening discussions will center around the theme "A Faith for These Days".

Our December program was based on the theme, "Peace on Earth". A particularly significant meeting was that in which two of our Oriental students discussed peace in the Orient. These were Luther Cheo, whose father is one of our native Chinese ministers, and our resident foreign student, Hiroya Katayama, of Tokyo, Japan. Our special Christmas project was that of giving to our foreign student fund. We joined in the second annual candle-light communion service for four campus centers, Wesley Foundation, Westminster House, Plymouth House and Christian House. It was a significant and beautiful expression of goodwill and dedication.

Early in the month we gave five radio programs over KERG, the fifteen minute period used by the Eugene ministerial association. About twenty students participated in speaking and in music. We used our Month's theme of "Peace on Earth", and many fine comments have come to us as a result.

Our International Tea Hours have taken on a new importance as the

RAY C. SMITH, Area Rep.

While the danger from fire in the Home building is practically nil due to its total fire-proof construction, the state fire marshal ruled that a metal fire escape from the third floor had to be provided. This has been done with a "cat-walk" over the dining room roof.

At the supervisor's meeting held in December it was voted to re-submit building plans to the N.B.A. with some minor changes, and it is hoped that the work can be completed before materials are "frozen". After more than ten years on the Board as treasurer of the Home the resignation of George G. Martin was accepted with regrets and under protest. Brother Martin will continue as a Board member, but the pressure of other duties made it necessary to give up the heavy responsibilities as Treasurer. Ray Breshears of the Mallory Avenue Church was chosen by the Board to fill the office. He is a Certified Public Accountant and well qualified for this important position.

Four new names of applicants were added to the waiting list including Mrs. J. P. Hunter, Portland; Mrs. Ruth Norman, Monmouth; Mrs. Courtney Joslin, Oregon City; Mrs. Mary Robinson, The Dalles.

The Christmas offerings for the support of the Home have been taken in many churches and we want to urge that they be remitted as soon as possible, directly to the Home at 1058 Johnson Road, Beaverton.

Mrs. Sjodin Comes Home

Word has come that Mrs. Rolland (Gladys) Sjodin, because of "adverse conditions" in China, has decided to return to the States. Rolland will remain in Kweiyang and carry on the work as long as he can. He will be guided in staying or leaving "by the outlook and the needs of the church."

Mrs. Sjodin is trying to get passports for their two "adopted girls," Lee Hwa and Leanne Grace. It seems, however, that before the American Counsel will grant them passports, he requires letters from churches in the U. S. guaranteeing support for them. Mrs. Neilan Dodson, forwarding agent for the Sjodins, writes that "these pledge letters, which would become operative only if the Sjodins are unable to provide for the children," should be sent to her — Mrs. Neilan Dodson, Noti, Oregon.

Mrs. Dodson also writes: "We are asking you, the friends of the Sjodins to send your offerings for their travel expenses. It is urgent that they take advantage of the earliest opportunity for leaving China."

The Sjodins are among the very few missionaries who have stayed on in China, after the Communists took over the country. Any offerings or communications for the Sjodins should be sent to Mrs. Neilan Dodson, Noti, Oregon. —J. F. C.

weeks have gone by, and we are eagerly awaiting others which will be held this new term.

We wish to express our thanks to the several groups and individuals who made Christmas gifts to Christian House. Anything that we as individual Christians and as members of church groups can do to help our students through these difficult days is a real service in the kingdom of heaven — Dulcinea B. Elliott.

COST OF OPERATION FOR U. C. M. S.

In answer to the oft repeated question "How much of each dollar contributed goes for overhead?", I shall give some facts to help clear up the erroneous ideas that have been broadcast. We all know it costs something to operate every organization—a local church for instance. There are supplies to buy, the preacher to pay, the janitor and other helpers to pay besides making necessary repairs around the church. These things are a part of the church's necessary operating expenses. Even individuals, working independently, must go to some expense to maintain their work. Whether or not they call it overhead, it is just that.

The United Society is doing a tremendous amount of work on a comparatively small amount of money. The reason for the United Society's low cost of operation is simply that people get more for their money when they pool their resources and share expenses.

"Since 1920 when the United Society was organized, the brotherhood boards of home missions, foreign missions and religious education have been pooling their resources and sharing their expenses. Because of this co-operation, the boards have been able to do more work on much less money than if they had been operating separately through their years.

"The U.C.M.S. saves hundreds of dollars every month by printing its own letterheads and other office forms. Office supplies are ordered in quantity at a great saving. All Departments of the U.C.M.S. share the same clerical staff. Administrative costs are kept down because only one headquarters office and one set of offices are required for the united boards. When possible, supplies for the mission field are ordered in quantity to cut down costs.

"The operating costs of the U.C.M.S. in 1948-49 amounted to only 12.7% of the total fund expended. A twelve per cent overhead is low. Of the total fund of \$3,121,880.55 the U.C.M.S. administered:

48.9% for foreign missions; 20% for home missions; 7% for men's work; 14.3% for Christian education; 3.4% for building construction; 12.7% for operating costs (5.45% for administration; 7.3% for headquarters service). That is low. Some large business concerns say they can't begin to do as well. —E.L.B.

CRUSADE FILMSTRIPS

Pictures shown at the Crusade presentation of the International Convention, at Oklahoma City have been made into companion filmstrips, "The Crusade Achieves" and "The Unfinished Crusade Projects" that are available without cost except for the return postage.

These filmstrips are furnished with a printed script or with script and recorded narration on a 12 inch record at 33 1/3 rpm. When ordering please specify film with script only or film with script and recording.

Order from A Crusade for A Christian World, Box 5636, Indianapolis 19, Indiana.

OAKRIDGE is presenting the Audio-visual leadership film strips each month to church leaders. Funds are being raised to re-roof church building. Carried home the attendance banner for Lane County Convention. Capacity crowds for Christmas services. —Harry E. Chapin.